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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DIAGNOSING AND MONITORING AUTO
IMMUNE AND CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY
DISEASES

Examiner: J. Martinell

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 19, 2008 (Paper No. 20080915), for which a response was due on December 19, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 19, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.